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David A. Wilson, Executive Director  
State Ethics Commission  
One Ashburton Place, Room 619  
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Dear Director Wilson:

I am the elected District Attorney for the Eastern District (Essex County) of Massachusetts. In that capacity, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. I am writing to inform you that on February 16, 2017, my son Jonathan M. Blodgett graduated from the Municipal Police Academy and effective February 21, 2017, will be employed by the city of Peabody as a police officer. The city of Peabody is one of the 34 cities and towns within the jurisdiction of Essex County.

In response to the requirements of G.L. c. 268A, I am filing this letter for several reasons, as follows:

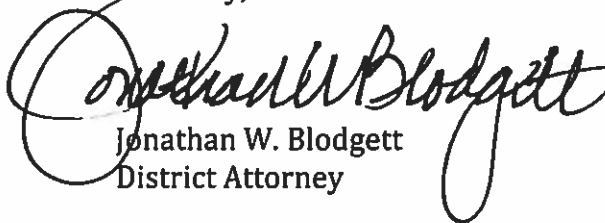
1. to disclose the fact of my relationship;
2. to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest in any case that comes before me as District Attorney, requiring a decision, wherein my son is involved in his capacity as a Peabody Police officer;
3. to dispel any suggestion that my son or the Peabody Police Department could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties; and
4. to dispel any suggestion that I am likely to act or fail to act in my capacity as District Attorney as a result of kinship.

Please be advised that in any matter that comes before me, as District Attorney, requiring a decision, wherein my son is involved in his capacity as a Peabody Police officer, I will abstain from participating and making any decisions, and I will assign that duty to First Assistant District Attorney John T. Dawley. This includes any proceeding in which my Office has a pecuniary interest, such as a forfeiture proceeding in which my son is directly involved.

Further kindly be advised that I do not and will not participate in any way in determining my son's compensation.

If you require any further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jonathan W. Blodgett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jonathan W. Blodgett  
District Attorney

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cc: Chief Thomas Griffin  
Michael Smerczynski, Esq.